



# LIFE IN THE LION'S DEN

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## Key to Effective Service Daniel 1:8-21

### I. DANIEL'S RESOLVE (Verse 8)

- Daniel made up his mind not to defile himself with partaking of food and drink that was associated with the many pagan Babylonian gods.
- While this was considered by most within Israel as a small thing, Daniel was devoted to the interests of the Lord and chose to honour the Lord in this way.

### II. GOD'S RESULT – PART A (Verses 9-16)

- Even though Daniel's Babylonian overseer could lose his life by granting Daniel's request, God gave Daniel favor with him and he agreed to this request.
- God miraculously gave Daniel and his three friend's better health than all of the other captives who were eating the king's food.

### III. GOD'S RESULT – PART B (Verses 17-21)

- God gave Daniel and his three friends great knowledge and wisdom and Daniel was given the ability to interpret dreams and visions.
- King Nebuchadnezzar recognized this and placed all four in his personal service.
- Daniel's wisdom and knowledge greatly exceeded that of all of the Babylonian advisers to the king – a fact recognized by the king who consulted Daniel regularly.
- Daniel outlived all of the king's of the Babylonian empire revealing that his God was indeed supreme over all the Babylonian gods.

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## Application

“God does not impart His secrets to careless men, but to those who are devoted to His interests.” Ironside

### The Present

The Christian lives in enemy territory. Like Daniel we have a choice: Me or God! My interests and desires or God's! Dead to self and alive to God! As simple as yes and no! What choice will you make?

Can you answer yes to the following?

1. Are you prepared to stand alone?
2. Are you prepared to suffer ridicule for Jesus?
3. Are you prepared to suffer material loss?

Can you answer no to the following?

1. Do I ever rationalize Biblical passages?
2. Do I allow others to confuse me re the Bible and modern culture?
3. Am I ever influenced to go against my conscience because of what other Christians are doing?

### The Future

✦ The spiritual state of the Church in North America is weak with the culture of the world invading in many areas. As a result prophetic scriptures make it quite clear that many Christians in the west may come under significant persecution.

✦ Please consider how you will stand for the Lord under the type of captivity that Daniel suffered.

### Dare to be a Daniel!

“Worldly believers do not capture the world, but become instead the world's captives.” Walvoord